



Mission Statement:
God's life-changing, never-giving-up, all-inclusive love transforms us into a multicultural community of hope.

Oakdale Park Church
 Loving God. Loving Others. Right Here.

May 16, 2021

We will be worshipping together online and in-person for those who's last names are between HOLMAN-SMITH, as well as the initial invite list (more info on this below!)

God's Word: God's Word: **Pastor Dave Sieplinga** will bring a message, **Is Jesus Still Praying For Us?** from John 17:6-19.

Offering: Oakdale Ministry

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Today we will share together (from home) in the joyful feast of our Lord, remembering the forgiveness of sins that we receive through Jesus Christ. We welcome you to prepare your own elements in order to join in the Lord's Supper with us.

Responding: Please contact the prayer team, your elder, or a pastor with any prayer requests.

Today

10:00 am Worship Service - virtual (Links above)
 11:15 am Join us for online coffee hour! (Info above)
 1:00 pm Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.
 5:30-7:00 pm HSYG (Messy Game Night)

This Week At Oakdale

Tuesday
 6:00-7:00 am Tuesday Prayer Time
<http://bit.ly/OPCTuesdayPrayer>

Wednesday
 9:00-10:00 am Wednesday Prayer Time
<http://bit.ly/OPCWednesdayPrayer>

Thursday
 11:00 am CLEAR (small groups)

Sunday, May 23:

10:00 am Online Worship (the initial invite list)
 1:00 pm Kinyarwanda Service
 5:30-7:00 pm Dive (Messy Game Night)

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Please keep **Jessica Kuizema** in prayer as she lost her 97 year old sister, **Ann Deckard** to Covid-19 on Mother's Day. We pray for God's comfort to be near to her as she mourns this loss.

Pray for **Pastor Shannon and her family from Lebanon** as they grieve the loss of her **Aunt Miriam Naime Jammal**.

Please keep **Tim and Maria Gruppen** in your prayers as **Tim's mom** was taken to the ICU in Ann Arbor this past week she is off the ventilator now and does not have Covid, but visitation is restricted due to the pandemic so they are unable to see her. Keep the family in your prayers as they wait for answers.

Continue to pray for **Emma Jones** and her daughter **Patrice and their whole family** in the loss of their dear 16-year-old granddaughter and daughter, **Janiya** last week.

Pray for strength and encouragement for friends: Duke and Marilyn Bazuin, Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, John & Luann Pastoor, Lee VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski and Alexis Coger.

Please send any prayer requests to be included on the prayer line to Lisa DeYoung at lisady75@gmail.com. You may also leave a voicemail or text at (616) 818-8512.

Return to In-Person Worship Update

Starting this Sunday, May 16, Oakdale's congregation is welcome to worship IN-PERSON in the previously designated groups. Those on the initial invite list (who live alone or have trouble accessing services online) are welcome to attend every week. This Sunday, those with the last names HOLMAN-SMITH are welcome to worship in-person.

We would like to request that those who worship in-person are vaccinated for the safety of everyone. Please get vaccinated if you have the opportunity to do so!

We will continue to follow the protocols of wearing face coverings and safely distancing from one another. Those who attend worship in-person will be asked to check in at the desk as they enter the building.

We are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 numbers in Kent County, and hope to welcome more people soon, in addition to having some outdoor services this summer where everyone would be welcome to attend in-person. The first outdoor service will be on Sunday, May 30 (Memorial Day weekend). Bring your own chairs and join us on the plaza for worship!

In-Person Worship - Lobby Duty Schedule
Please arrive to assist by 9:30 am

May 16 - Cathie VanderSteen & Nate DeVries
 May 23 - Mandy VanderMeyden & Harland Holman
 May 30 - Gen Riekema & Ralph Mason
 June 6 - Aaron Einfeld & Peggy Moore
 June 13 - Jayne VerBeek & Zac Baker
 June 20 - Chris Burgess & Noah Menerey

Fiscal Report as of 04-30-21:			
The Council is very grateful for your contributions to the following funds:			
Actual Receipts	FY 21 YTD	FY 20 YTD	Difference
Oakdale Ministries	\$402,019	\$404,635	\$ (2,616)
Benevolence	\$33,468	\$22,567	\$10,901
Christian Education	\$30,655	\$23,385	\$7,269
Missions	\$16,485	\$13,160	\$3,325
Nehemiah	\$6,365	\$6,925	\$(560)

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Oakdale Opportunities

Celebration of Graduates

We will be celebrating our Oakdale Graduates on **Sunday, June 6**. If you have a member of your family that has graduated 8th Grade, 12th Grade, Higher Education, or any other kind of certificate program, we want to honor their hard work. Please contact the office **by the end of May** so that we can include them. Please also submit a photo to the office if you can to be included in the celebration.

Oakdale Growing in Faith

This summer, we as a church community will be focusing on growing together! If you haven't had a chance to grab these yet, be contact the church office and Rachel will help you arrange a pick up time.

Oakdale Youth Ministry Summer Mission Updates

This summer, Oakdale's Youth ministry is prayerfully hosting two mission weeks. Mission131 for 6-8th graders will happen in conjunction with VBS during the week of July 12. This week is open to any current 6-8th grader at Oakdale, regardless of their participation at Dive this year. However, registration is necessary. You can register by clicking here. HSYG is headed to Detroit for SMT2021! We will partner with Central Detroit Christian for a week of learning and service. Registration for this week is open now. This week is open to Oakdale high school students or HSYG participants. To register, click here. Questions? Want more details? Feel free to contact Sammy at any time.

GRILU

Congratulations to Oakdale's GRILU cohort from 20-21! These 8 students (Asher DeYoung, Josh Beuker, Zach Reinsma, Anna Kortman, Coco Zheng, Erika VerBeek, Julia VanderTol and Mya Ponterelli) have spent the year learning more about how God created them and they can serve Him and their community with their whole lives. They graduate from this program with a clear mission statement and goals for their lives. Do you have a student who will be a junior or senior for the next school year? Are you interested in finding out more? Contact Sammy to get more information!

In May, please pray for Jenny LeMahieu-Gela & Josh Gela

Oakdale Organizing

It's time to share with one another what God has taught us in the past year and our hopes for the future of Oakdale Park Church. Join us for a story-sharing event on either **Saturday, June 26 at 10am or Tuesday, June 29 at 8pm at church**. Each event will last 90 minutes. Childcare will be provided. Questions? Ask Pastor Shannon.

Christian Education Fundraiser

The Christian Education Committee would like to remind everyone of the fundraising opportunity that is always available through Eagle TRIP (Tuition Reimbursement Incentive Program). When you buy gift cards through Eagle TRIP a percentage of each gift card goes directly into the Oakdale Park Christian Education Committee account for our children receiving assistance for Christian Education tuition at several schools in our community.

This can be done through the **Raise Right app** which makes ordering simple for both physical gift cards and for some retailers, e-gift cards. There is even a "deliver to your home" option for several retailers. Also, for the next few weeks there are several smaller denomination cards that are great for graduation and end of year teacher gifts.

We are encouraging you to support this fundraiser this year through the Raise right app. Once set up, it makes ordering the cards very simple. If interested in ordering TRIP or need more info on getting the Raise Right app set up, please contact **Heather Menerey** (menerey.family@gmail.com or 616-901-5044) or **Lauren Delatorre** (laurendelatorre@yahoo.com) If you are more comfortable ordering TRIP without the app, please contact Heather Menerey to set up an order **before May 26**. She will be able to put in a physical order and arrange the delivery. A list of vendors can be found at <https://www.grcs.org/admissions/tuition-affordability/eagle-trip>.